

November sees racing on the Park



Southern Navigators Orienteering Club (SN) is hosting race 13 of the South England Orienteering Urban League, around the streets and parkland in Goldsworth Park on Saturday, 24th November 2012.

Orienteering is a timed sport where competitors of all ages and abilities navigate their way at their own pace between features marked on a special map. An orienteering course typically varies in length from about 2km, with 8 control points for beginners and children to over 10km for experienced adult Orienteer.

At all events there will be a range of courses suitable for newcomers. The club caters for all levels of competition, from beginners to elite members of the club (some of whom have been selected to race for their country). The membership of about 150 comes from the general area of West Surrey, North East Hampshire and South East Berkshire. (Namely: Aldershot, Alton, Bagshot, Bordon, Bracknell, Byfleet, Camberley, Farnborough, Farnham, Frimley and Woking).

Useful information for Goldsworth Park Residents about the upcoming event:

Date: Saturday, 24 November 2012

Starting Time: 12:00 till 2:00pm

There will be about 100 participants and they will start at minute intervals.

Parking on the day: Kestrel Way in front of Industrial Units

Road Crossings: The course for Under 16's will be within the confines of the Goldsworth Lake Park area and they will not have to cross any roads. For other participants who may need to

cross a road that has a fair amount of traffic on it, the course will be planned to funnel participants to a marshalled crossing point. All participants will be warned to take care when crossing minor roads

Placement of control Units and Flags:

Organisers will attach Control Units and an Orienteering Flag to eg. lampposts with a "grapple" which is lockable wire loop and these will be removed as soon as the event is over. The use of the grapple is to ensure that the units are both held securely in place and they are not moved or stolen. Each participant carries a small "dibber" which they place into the control unit to record that they have visited it on their course.



This unit is about
4-9 cm



The flag is 30-30 cm

No flags will be placed so that they might obscure any line of site for pedestrians, cars or cyclists or be a safety hazard to people.

Sticking to the route: Participants will have a special orienteering map at 1:5000 scale for the event indicating the location of Control Units and have to visit them in a set order. Areas that are out of bounds to participants will be shown using the standard colours/symbols used on these maps.

Want to take part?

Local residents, old and young, can join the race. Entries close midnight Sunday, 18th November 2012. Costs for entering do apply but for further information please visit the SN website at www.southernnavigators.com or contact the Events Secretary, Jane Archer on 0775 313 9145 or jane.archer@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk



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Councillors' Surgeries

The Goldsworth Park Councillors hold a surgery from 10am-11am on the first Saturday of every month (except August) at Strollers, accessed from the path between the shops and the lake.

Goldsworth News distribution

Distribution of Goldsworth News is arranged by Mrs Linda Hill. Her details are: Linda Hill, 5, Newsham Road, Goldsworth Park
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County Council Report



Diana Smith,

County Councillor for Knaphill and Goldsworth West

Green Shoots at Lakers?

Surrey's contract with the Surrey Youth Consortium to manage centre-based youth work has suffered 'teething problems' since coming into effect last spring. In Woking they are represented by the Woking YMCA, which should run activities in the evenings and, potentially, weekends and holidays at Lakers and two other Woking Youth Centres. Unfortunately services have not reached the level required by the contract.

At the last Local Committee meeting we agreed to extend the contract by five months so that it runs to the end of August, 2013. This may seem perverse, but there are advantages to moving the contract date to the beginning of the School Year, and it gives everyone concerned a fair chance to get going from a standing start.

I'm involved with the 'steering group' being set up at Lakers. I was invited to the informal get-to-know-each-other meeting run by a group of young people who are now using Lakers, and forming a committee. They're a lively, capable set, supported by Sandie Bolger, the permanent youth worker now based at Lakers, and her newly-recruited team. All the staff are still employed by Surrey County Council. This makes me wonder what YMCA is adding, but time will tell. The steering group includes other adults from the local community, including a representative from the police.

To use their Youth Centres during week-days in term-time, Surrey County Council wants to set up a network of 'Skills Centres' housed in Youth Centres for young people who otherwise would be NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). The first 'invitation to tender' to run Skills Centres did not attract any acceptable bids for Woking, so they're currently repeating the process. Lakers should become the base for one of these Skill Centres early in 2013.

War Memorialising

I find myself wondering whether there's going to be any conflict between Goldsworth Park and Knaphill for the custody of the memorial stones in front of the Goldsworth Park Health Centre? These were relocated from the old Knaphill Nursery a few years ago. I'm also far from sure of the best way to remember the human cost of war.

These thoughts were prompted by the planned redevelopment of the Old Library site in Knaphill High Street, which has been

sold by Surrey County Council to Woking Borough Council.

Surrey got planning permission for a retail unit and flats on the site; the implication of the recent Woking Borough press release is that they will build 'affordable' flats, possibly for 'local elderly residents'.

The small garden to the front of the library has been used for Christmas carols and Remembrance Day services. Some Knaphill Councillors promoted the idea of a Memorial Garden there, which the Leader of Woking Borough Council now says will be created and should open in 2014, 'while we commemorate the First World War.'

The Cost of Police and Crime Commissioners

Thursday the 15th November sees the first elections for Police and Crime Commissioners, though it's far from clear how effective they will be. They replace Police Authorities, and do not directly affect the power of the Chief Constable. The Commissioner's job will be to hold the police to account while holding the purse strings and supervising overall strategy.

Elected representatives usually don't talk about their pay. However when you cast your vote for the Surrey Commissioner you will be helping select the successful candidate for a £70,000 a year job.

It's an important position, and there is an argument that anyone who can do it well could earn far more elsewhere, but £70,000 is still enough that the 'Police and Crime Panel' of Local Councillors and 'members of the public' set up to 'scrutinise' their work should expect the work to be well and professionally done, and voters should expect good candidates.

It may be of interest that the Leader of Surrey County Council is entitled to £27,000 a year, on top of the £11,791 basic allowance for all County Councillors. The basic annual allowance for Woking Borough Councillors is £7,115, but there are no 'special responsibility' allowances. Perhaps more people would come forward to stand as Councillors if they knew they didn't have to lose financially.

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7.30pm Thursday 29th November 2012
at Goldwater Lodge

All residents of Goldsworth Park are members of the GPCA; all are welcome to attend its meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in Goldwater Lodge, and to take part in discussions about issues affecting Goldsworth Park.

All residents are also entitled to nominate and vote for the Officers of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. To make a nomination, complete the form below and send it to the Secretary, Irene Watson, at 37 Willowmead Close, Goldsworth Park, Woking GU21 3DN, or e-mail your nominations to secretary.gpca@ntlworld.com by **Monday, 26th November 2012.**

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to make nomination(s) for the following position(s)

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FROM THE LAKESIDE – NOVEMBER 2012

Roger Westcott is one of the voluntary fishing bailiffs appointed by Woking Borough Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and keep the area generally clean and tidy.

From time to time, we have a few fish deaths on the lake and, although most will be from natural causes, it is important that health checks are carried out periodically. The last was in 2002 so it was high time to call in the Environment Agency for an update.

On the 16th October, the Environment Agency, with help from a number of our anglers, set about the task of netting parts of the lake. Using what is known as a seine net, measuring 100 metres wide with a 3 metre drop, the first sweep was taken. A large crowd gathered in anticipation of seeing a huge catch. After 30 minutes of back-breaking pulling on the ropes, the net finally reached the

bank. As the crowd surged forward to see the catch, all I could hear was gasps of disappointment – just a few dozen tiddlers and two small pike; not enough to take any samples. The net was set again in a different area. Surely this time we would get lucky – wrong. Even worse – this time, for all our efforts, the catch was six tin cans, a car wing mirror and half a dozen tiny perch. By this time, all the anticipation was beginning to wane; where were all those fish? We know the lake is home to thousands upon thousands of fish, some of which are very big. Did someone warn them we were coming?

After cups of tea and coffee, it was decided to try a smaller but deeper net, this time 75 metres wide with a 4 metre drop. Maybe the fish were escaping under the 3 metre net in the deeper parts of the lake. The third sweep of the lake was much more successful, as was the fourth, producing good numbers of roach, bream, perch,



pike, tench and even one of our large resident carp; using the deeper net made all the difference. Many of the catch were weighed, measured and scale samples were taken before they were returned to the water. With enough time for one more sweep, the net was re-set and, once again, it was all hands to the ropes as the net was drawn in. This time, we hit the jackpot with thousands of fish; while the majority were small roach and perch, there were a good number



of large ones too. More measurements and scale samples were taken and about 30 fish of a variety of species were put in tanks to be taken away for laboratory testing. All the others were returned carefully to the water.

By the end of the day, covered in mud and with aching limbs, we had successfully collected plenty of data to analyse. Now, we have to wait for the findings which will take a few weeks to compile. I will update you in due course with the results and any recommendations from the Environment Agency.

I would also like to thank Ms. Camilla Crosland for allowing us to use some of the photos she took on the day. You can see more of Ms. Crosland's amazing photographic talents at CJCrosland.com

And finally, you may have noticed that our pair of swans returned to the lake a few weeks ago, having been absent since the spring. They had no family in tow and I can only assume that they were not successful with breeding this year – not that it stopped the cob from getting up to old tricks. Within minutes of his arrival, he started attacking the three young birds which had lived here all summer. After just one day, we had to call out the Swan Sanctuary to remove the young swans before they were seriously injured – what a bully! It is his lake and he doesn't do sharing. The three young swans will be found a safe home well away from our bully boy.



ORANGE UPSIDE DOWN PUDDING



This time of the year calls for comfort food. After watching fireworks in the cold, there is nothing better than a nice, warm pudding. When I was small, we often had upside down pudding and the usual base (or top by the time you ate it) was tinned pineapple. This is a delicious variation suggested by The Pudding Club.

Ingredients – serves 6

- 125g / 4½ ozs unsalted butter
- 125g / 4½ ozs caster sugar
- 125g / 4½ ozs self raising flour
- 2 eggs

Filling

- 12 sweet oranges
- 4 tablespoons golden syrup

Cream or ice cream to serve

Method

- Heat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas Mark 4;
 - Butter a deep 20cm / 8 inch cake tin;
 - Cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy;
 - Beat in the eggs one at a time (if the mixture starts to separate, sift in a little of the flour);
 - Zest one of the oranges and add the zest to the mixture;
 - Fold in the flour
 - Spoon the golden syrup into the bottom the buttered cake tin and spread to cover the base;
 - Peel the oranges, removing all the peel and pith. Slice the oranges thinly and arrange the slices in the cake tin, overlapping the slices on top of the syrup;
 - Spread the sponge mixture over the orange slices;
 - Bake at for 30 - 40 minutes until firm;
 - Turn onto a plate and serve hot with cream or ice cream.
- If you enjoy this, try other variations on the theme – pear and ginger, apricot and almonds, apple and cinnamon. You can also make individual puddings for a change.



Salvation Prepares for Christmas

Christmas Fair

The Salvation Army Community Church is getting ready for the Christmas Fair. It is on Saturday, **24th November, 10am – 1pm.** There will be lots of stalls and activities for the children. There will be a fancy dress competition with a prize for each child and a special prize for the winner judged by our special guest Father Christmas. We will have lots of crafts, gifts, cakes, cards, plants, refreshments and much more. **FREE ADMISSION**

Food and Gift Campaign

Our big Christmas project is our food and gift campaign. Although we give out food parcels all year round, at Christmas we will wrap over 400 gifts and toys and make up approx 250 food bags and give food vouchers to families in the Woking area who need that extra bit of help. This is a mammoth task for us as a church but one that is very much needed. If anyone would like to donate any

tins, biscuits, pasta, rice, tea or any items we can give as gifts we would be very pleased to receive them at the Church which is in Sythwood. We are open 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday. We find men and teenagers are the most challenging to find gifts for so any ideas will be welcome.

Shopping to Support

We also provide help through our charity shop in Horsell, it is called the Welcome In and I'm sure many of you have shopped there. We are on the hunt for some volunteers who are reliable, enthusiastic and committed to providing good customer service. You may have been out of work for some time and want a way back in or you have some spare time and would like to do something worthwhile. All you need to do is pop into the shop or church and pick up an application form.

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Search is on for Woking's Young Community Stars

Has a young person you know made an outstanding contribution to the community, shown triumph over adversity or gained an outstanding achievement? Nominations are now being welcomed for the 2013 Young People's Civic Award Scheme, which aims to promote and reward community spirit in young people aged up to 18 years of age.

The scheme, run by Woking Borough Council, recognises children and young people who have achieved exceptional success, in areas that are not normally recognised by formal accreditation.

Nominees are being sought in the following three categories.

* **Outstanding Contribution to the Community** – this includes work in areas such as helping older or disabled people, working with children, fundraising for good causes and getting involved with voluntary organisations.

* **Triumph Over Adversity** – this includes endurance and bravery, such as overcoming disability or helping a parent or family member with a disability.

* **Outstanding Achievement** – this covers excellence in many fields – sport, music, drama and the visual arts – particularly in less academic subjects that are not normally recognised or rewarded in other ways.

The scheme is open to all children and young people, up to the age of 18, who live or attend school or college in the Borough. All nominations are judged by a panel, which typically includes representatives from the Local Education Authority, the police, the voluntary sector, Sport Woking, Woking Borough Council and Woking Youth Council. All young people nominated for an award will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievements. The winners will be invited to attend the Mayor's Civic Reception to be held on Friday, 26 April 2013.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, 25 January 2013**. Application forms are available from Julie Northcote, Democratic Services Officer on 01483 743053, or by emailing julie.northcote@woking.gov.uk. More information and nomination forms are also available on the Council's website at www.woking.gov.uk/community/civic/cas

Changes to Council's online services

From Monday, 22 October, significant changes to Woking Borough Council's Services Gateway, a way for residents to access Council services securely online, took place.

Those who use the service, which allows people to bid for housing via the Hometrak service, access to council tax, business rates and housing benefit accounts, including viewing statements and information online, now require their own email

address when logging into the revised service.

Registered customers of the service are reminded that this is an online service and it is their responsibility to ensure contact details on the account are kept up to date. Customer Services staff at the council will only have very limited access to this system, and all maintenance issues including password and PIN amendments, will have to be managed by the customer.

People can register with the Services Gateway at www.woking.gov.uk/gateway and request a new PIN number if required.

Those bidding for housing via the Hometrak service must have their own email address to bid online, or if they do not have one, can bid by calling 01483 755855.

If people have any problems or their email address has already been registered, call 01483 755855 or fill in an eform at www.woking.gov.uk/contact



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Positive action around burglaries

Woking has recently seen a large increase in the number of burglaries. Although Goldsworth Park doesn't appear to have been targeted as much as other areas the team would like residents to bear their home security in mind. With the evenings getting darker it can make an ideal situation for any burglar so please read our crime prevention advice on burglaries at : www.surrey.police.uk/keeping-safe/current-campaigns/burglary

Surrey Police has launched **Operation Candlelight**, a two month campaign on Monday, 22 October to crack down on burglaries. This will involve more patrols, cards to known burglars with the warning that 'they are on Surrey Police's Christmas list', and the use of trap houses (which look like normal homes, but are set up with hidden cameras and hi-tech gadgets fitted with tracking devices) are all part of our strategy to relentlessly pursue criminals.



**PC 40198
Emma Barrett**



**PC 404432
Matt Hart**



**PCSO 14849
Sarah Wentworth**

Your local team ask residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity you witness on 101.

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is generally a popular night for people. This can involve attending large public firework displays or meeting up with friends or family to have a firework display. The Goldsworth Park team would like to remind residents leaving their homes for the evening to remember the basic crime prevention advice on burglaries.

Burglars are aware that many homes will be left unoccupied around this time of year when firework displays are on so urge all residents to make their homes as secure as possible. This can be as simple as making sure all doors and

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Woodcraft Folk GO WILD!



Left to Right: Maddy Bell, Dick Tyte, Mark Bowen, Luke Bowen, Catalina Bowen, Carmen Noble, Emma Cull, Dan Emerson, Jess Emerson, Kirsten Cawsey

Latest news...

Young people and adult leaders from Knaphill, Walton and Portsmouth Woodcraft Folk groups enjoyed a Bushcraft Bivvi weekend at Park Farm in Lurgashall on 14-16 September.

Activities included setting up tarpaulin shelters, sleeping in hammocks and bivouacs under the trees, safely making and lighting campfires to cook their own breakfast and dinner, learning how to safely use a saw

and knife, tree maintenance, whittling mallets and spoons from wood and a wide game in the field.

Aims of the weekend were to feel safe and secure within a woodland environment, to create a group identity and facilitate active participation, responsible co-operation, promote teamwork and develop self esteem through focussed stimulating learning activities in the outdoor environment.

Meetings in Goldsworth Park...



Jess Emerson and Catalina Bowen enjoying breakfast cooked on the campfire



Jess Emerson and Maddy Bell whittling spoons from wood



Mark Bowen cutting wood



Carmen Noble swinging on monkey bars



Carmen Noble proudly showing off her hammock bed



Dan Emerson whittling wood



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Everyone is welcome to join their groups and every week thousands of volunteers and young people meet in school halls, community venues and a host of other places to learn about big ideas through fun

activities like singing, playing and debating.

Knaphill Woodcraft Folk now meet on Tuesdays evenings at the Dianthus Building (the Sea Cadet building next to the lake), Wishbone Way, Goldsworth Park. For further information or to join please contact Bryony Walsh on

07855 254368 or

bryony74@ntlworld.com.

Our aim is to have great fun, but also to try and develop children's self-confidence and build their awareness of society around them. By encouraging children to think, we hope they will help build a peaceful, fairer world.

Vote for a New Sheriff in town

New Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will be elected across England and Wales on 15th November 2012 and you will have the chance to go to the polls to elect your PCC for Surrey.

What does it mean for me?

The PCC will replace the current Police Authority which presently consists of a committee of 17 people including local councillors and independent members of the public and provides scrutiny over the force. The PCC will be responsible for overseeing policing and community safety in your area on behalf of local residents

What will the PCC do?

- Make and influence key decisions that will impact on how your local area looks and feels – from CCTV, street lighting and graffiti to tackling gangs and drug-dealing.
- Hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Police.
- Set the Police budget, the Police share of Council Tax and the overall strategy for policing and crime reduction in the area.
- Be elected by the public for four year terms of office.
- Be scrutinised by a 'Police and Crime Panel' involving local councillors and members of the public.
- Work with other agencies and the wider criminal justice system to help cut crime.

How are these elections different?

For this election you can vote for your first and second preference of who you want to win, known as a Supplementary Vote. This means you can vote for 2 candidates if you want to.

The Supplementary Vote system will be used for the first time during these elections. This means the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner will NOT be elected by the traditional "first past the post" method, instead you can vote for your first and second preference of who you want to win.

The ballot paper will list all the

candidates standing in Surrey. Next to the list there will be two columns. You will be asked to:

- Vote for your first choice candidate – column 1
- Vote for your second choice candidate – column 2

As long as you mark one cross in the first column, your vote can be counted.

You should not mark more than one cross in the first choice column and you should not mark more than one cross in the second choice column.

If you have marked your first choice, you can choose whether or not to mark a second choice. But if you only mark a cross in the second choice column, your vote won't be counted.

You should not put any other mark on the ballot paper or your vote may not be counted.

Who are the candidates?

(Source: Surrey police and crime commissioner candidate, BBC News Online, 23 October 2012)



Robert Evans
(Labour)

Robert Evans, who is standing as the Labour candidate, was the first MEP for London North West, specialising during his time in the European Parliament in European crime prevention.

He is a former primary school teacher who now works as a freelance consultant and public-relations executive and is the chairman of Runnymede and Weybridge Labour Party.

Mr Evans is campaigning to resist funding cuts and "privatisation" plans and said he would "reverse" cuts in support for domestic abuse and freeze further police station closures, pledging there would be no "soft touch" policing on his watch.

Website: evans4surrey.org



Kevin Hurley
(Independent)

Kevin Hurley, a former borough and public-order commander with the Met, is standing as a candidate for the "zero tolerance policing ex chief" party.

He comes from a family with strong police links - his parents served in the force as does his son - and has experience of dealing with police balance sheets as well as being a chief constable in Iraq.

The former detective chief superintendent describes his police methods as "no nonsense" and said he wanted police chiefs to be leaders, not bureaucratic managers, and he was a strong believer in zero-tolerance policing.

Website:

www.kevinhurley4pcc.co.uk



Julie Iles
(Conservative)

Julie Iles was selected from an initial shortlist of six candidates by

the Conservative Party in Surrey.

She has been a magistrate for 10 years and chairman of the South East Surrey Youth Panel, serving on the youth justice advisory committee. She worked in information technology for 20 years, advising business executives.

Mrs Iles says she wants to correct the disparity between Surrey's low crime rate and poor detection rate, ensuring police are "visible" and available to the public, and to work with other agencies to target anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related crime.

Website: www.julieiles.org.uk



Nick O'Shea
(Liberal Democrat)

Nick O'Shea is a businessman and former Mole Valley

district councillor, with strong police connections, who has been chosen as the Liberal Democrat candidate

His father and grandfather were both in the Surrey force and another family member is currently a serving officer.

Mr O'Shea is a director of a number of businesses and a chartered management accountant. He said he wanted to put the focus on victims and witnesses of crime - improving support to encourage more offences to be reported.

Website:

nickoshea.focusteam.org.uk



Robert Shatwell
(UKIP)

Former Surrey police officer

Robert Shatwell is UKIP's candidate. He said he understood the workings of Surrey Police and the problems it faced because he was part of the force for 18 years.

Mr Shatwell wants to re-establish the beat officer system and continue UKIP's policy of "zero tolerance" on crime. He said prison sentences were far too lenient and there was no deterrent being used to reduce the number and severity of crimes.

UKIP leader and South East of England MEP Nigel Farage said he was delighted that the party had a candidate with such experience running for the position.

Website:

www.votepurple.co.uk



Peter Williams
(Independent)

The current chairman of Surrey Police Authority, Peter

Williams, has been an independent member of the organisation he hopes to replace for nine years.

He has worked in the criminal-justice system for more than 20 years and has been a magistrate for 17. He said that as a chief executive he has experience of handling large budgets.

Mr Williams wants to build on the county's recent reputation for high public satisfaction by continuing to consult residents on policing and said his priorities would include tackling anti-social behaviour, collaboration with neighbouring forces and holding the chief constable to account.

Website:

www.policingnotpolitics.co.uk

Where can I get more information?

Woking Borough Council – www.woking.gov.uk or 01483 755855

Candidate info -

www.choosemypcc.org.uk or 0800 1 070708

Election info -

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk
Surrey Police Authority – www.surreypa.gov.uk/pcc
Home Office – www.homeoffice.gov.uk/pcc